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Applicants thank the Examiner for his very helpful telephone call detailing the Communication.

In the Communication and during the telephone conversation, the Examiner indicated that although recitation of "AGCT..." in SEQ ID NO:5 of claim 16 is supported by the specification, the claim should be formally amended to correct the apparent discrepancy in the sequences created by the poor quality photocopy. Claim 16 has been amended, as requested by the Examiner, to replace "ACCT..." with "AGCT...." As indicated previously, the first "G" appeared as a "C" in the originally submitted application due to a poor quality photocopy of the specification. The same sequence (SEQ ID NO:5) also appears in claims 14 and 15, as well as on pages 11, 12, and 45 of the specification, where it is designated as primer "R111".

The Examiner further requested that Claim 16 be amended to clearly recite "pairs" of primers. Claim 16 has been amended as requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, PhD (Registration No. 40,069) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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